

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION

PATTY BEALL, Individually and on Behalf	§	
of All Others Similarly Situated	§	
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V.	§	CIVIL NO. 2:08-CV-422(TJW)
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TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ET AL.	§	

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE,
PROPOSED DEADLINES FOR DOCKET CONTROL ORDER
AND DISCOVERY ORDER**

The court, *sua sponte*, issues this Notice of Scheduling Conference, Proposed Deadlines for Docket Control Order and Discovery Order.

Notice of Scheduling Conference

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and Local Rule CV-16, the Scheduling Conference in this case is set for **November 30, 2009, at 4:10 p.m. in Marshall, Texas.** The parties are directed to meet and confer in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) no later than fourteen (14) days before the conference. The parties are excused from the requirement of filing a written proposed discovery plan in this case.

Proposed Deadlines for Docket Control Order

The proposed deadlines for docket control order set forth in the attached Appendix A shall be discussed at the Scheduling Conference. The court will not modify the proposed trial date except for good cause shown.

Discovery Order

After a review of the pleaded claims and defenses in this action and in furtherance of the management of the court's docket under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16, it is ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Disclosures.** Except as provided by paragraph 1(j), and, to the extent not already disclosed, within thirty (30) days after the Scheduling Conference, each party shall disclose to every other party the following information:
 - (a) the correct names of the parties to the lawsuit;
 - (b) the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties;
 - (c) the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the disclosing party's claims or defenses (the disclosing party need not marshal all evidence that may be offered at trial);
 - (d) the name, address, and telephone number of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the case, and a brief, fair summary of the substance of the information known by any such person;
 - (e) any indemnity and insuring agreements under which any person or entity carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment entered in this action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment;
 - (f) any settlement agreements relevant to the subject matter of this action;
 - (g) any statement of any party to the litigation;
 - (h) in a suit alleging physical or mental injury and damages from the occurrence that is the subject of the case, all medical records and bills that are reasonably related to the injuries or damages asserted or, in lieu thereof, an authorization permitting the disclosure of such medical records and bills;
 - (i) in a suit alleging physical or mental injury and damages from the occurrence that is the subject of the case, all medical records and bills obtained by the disclosing party by virtue of an authorization furnished by the requesting party; and

(j) for any testifying expert, by the date set by the court in the Docket Control Order, each party shall disclose to the other party or parties:

- a. the expert's name, address, and telephone number;
- b. the subject matter on which the expert will testify;
- c. if the witness is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the disclosing party regularly involve giving expert testimony:
 - (a) all documents, tangible things, reports, models, or data compilations that have been provided to, reviewed by, or prepared by or for the expert in anticipation of the expert's testimony; and
 - (b) the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) and Local Rule CV-26.
- d. for all other experts, the general substance of the expert's mental impressions and opinions and a brief summary of the basis for them or documents reflecting such information; and
- e. Upon request, any party shall be excused from furnishing an expert report of treating physicians.

2. **Protective Orders.** Upon the request of any party before or after the Scheduling Conference, the court shall issue the Protective Order. Any party may oppose the issuance of or move to modify the terms of the Protective Order for good cause.

3. **Additional Disclosures.** In addition to the disclosures required in Paragraph 1 of this Order, at the Scheduling Conference, the court shall amend this discovery order and require each party, within forty-five (45) days after the Scheduling Conference and without awaiting a

discovery request, to provide, to the extent not already provided, to every other party the following:

- (a) a copy of all documents, data compilations, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to the pleaded claims or defenses involved in this action. By written agreement of all parties, alternative forms of disclosure may be provided in lieu of paper copies. For example, the parties may agree to exchange images of documents electronically or by means of computer disk; or the parties may agree to review and copy disclosure materials at the offices of the attorneys representing the parties instead of requiring each side to furnish paper copies of the disclosure materials;
- (b) a complete computation of any category of damages claimed by any party to the action, making available for inspection and copying as under Rule 34, the documents or other evidentiary material on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered; and
- (c) those documents and authorizations described in Local Rule CV-34;

The court shall order the disclosures set forth in Paragraph 3(a)(b) and (c) in the absence of a showing of good cause by any party objecting to such disclosures.

4. **Discovery Limitations.** At the Scheduling Conference, the court shall also amend this discovery order to limit discovery in this cause to the disclosures described in Paragraphs 1 and 3 together with 25 interrogatories, 25 requests for admissions, the depositions of the parties, depositions on written questions of custodians of business records for third parties, and **depositions of two expert witnesses per side.** “Side” means a party or a group of parties with a common interest. Any party may move to modify these limitations for good

cause.

5. **Privileged Information.** There is no duty to disclose privileged documents or information. However, the parties are directed to meet and confer concerning privileged documents or information after the Scheduling Conference. Within sixty (60) days after the Scheduling Conference, the parties shall exchange privilege logs identifying the documents or information and the basis for any disputed claim of privilege in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection. Any party may move the court for an order compelling the production of any privileged documents or information identified on any other party's privilege log. If such a motion is made, the party asserting privilege shall file with the Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of the motion to compel any proof in the form of declarations or affidavits to support their assertions of privilege, along with the documents over which privilege is asserted for *in camera* inspection. If the parties have no disputes concerning privileged documents or information, then the parties shall inform the court of that fact within sixty (60) days after the Scheduling Conference.
6. **Pre-trial disclosures.** Absent a showing of good cause by any party, the court shall require the following additional disclosures:

Each party shall provide to every other party regarding the evidence that the disclosing party may present at trial as follows:

 - (a) The name and, if not previously provided, the address and telephone number, of each witness, separately identifying those whom the party expects to present at trial and those whom the party may call if the need arises.
 - (b) The designation of those witnesses whose testimony is expected to be presented by

means of a deposition and, if not taken stenographically, a transcript of the pertinent portions of the deposition testimony.

- (c) An appropriate identification of each document or other exhibit, including summaries of other evidence, separately identifying those which the party expects to offer and those which the party may offer if the need arises.

Unless otherwise directed by the court, these disclosures shall be made at least 30 days before trial. Within 14 days thereafter, unless a different time is specified by the court, a party may serve and file a list disclosing (1) any objections to the use under Rule 32(a) of a deposition designated by another party under subparagraph (B) and (2) any objections, together with the grounds therefor, that may be made to the admissibility of materials identified under subparagraph (C). Objections not so disclosed, other than objections under Rules 402 and 403 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, shall be deemed waived unless excused by the court for good cause shown.

- 7. **Signature.** The disclosures required by this order shall be made in writing and signed by the party or counsel and shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the signer's knowledge, information and belief, such disclosure is complete and correct as of the time it is made. If feasible, counsel shall meet to exchange disclosures required by this order; otherwise, such disclosures shall be served as provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 5. The parties shall promptly file a notice with the court that the disclosures required under this order have taken place.
- 8. **Duty to Supplement.** After disclosure is made pursuant to this order, each party is under a duty to supplement or correct its disclosures immediately if the party obtains information on the basis of which it knows that the information disclosed was either incomplete or incorrect when made, or is no longer complete or true.

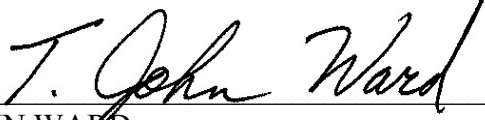
9. **Disputes.**

- (a) Except in cases involving claims of privilege, any party entitled to receive disclosures may, after the deadline for making disclosures, serve upon a party required to make disclosures a written statement, in letter form or otherwise, of any reason why the party entitled to receive disclosures believes that the disclosures are insufficient. The written statement shall list, by category, the items the party entitled to receive disclosures contends should be produced. The parties shall promptly meet and confer. If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute, then the party required to make disclosures shall, within fourteen (14) days after service of the written statement upon it, serve upon the party entitled to receive disclosures a written statement, in letter form or otherwise, which identifies (1) the requested items that will be disclosed, if any, and (2) the reasons why any requested items will not be disclosed. The party entitled to receive disclosures may thereafter file a motion to compel.
- (b) Counsel are directed to contact the chambers of the undersigned for any “hot-line” disputes before contacting the Discovery Hotline provided by Local Rule CV-26(e). If the undersigned is not available, the parties shall proceed in accordance with Local Rule CV-26(e).

10. **No Excuses.** A party is not excused from the requirements of this Discovery Order because it has not fully completed its investigation of the case, or because it challenges the sufficiency of another party’s disclosures, or because another party has not made its disclosures. Absent court order to the contrary, a party is not excused from disclosure because there are pending motions to dismiss, to remand or to change venue.

11. **Filings.** Only upon request from chambers shall counsel submit to the court courtesy copies of any filings.

SIGNED this 10th day of November, 2009.



T. JOHN WARD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED DEADLINES FOR DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

PROPOSED DEADLINES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SCHEDULING CONFERENCE November 30, 2009

Monday, April 4, 2011	Jury Selection - 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas
March 23, 2011	Pretrial Conference - 1:30 p.m. in Marshall, Texas
March 18, 2011	Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions and Form of the Verdict.
March 18, 2011	Motions in <i>Limine</i> due The parties are ordered to meet and confer on their respective motions <i>in limine</i> and advise the court of any agreements in this regard by 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference. The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to those issues which, if improperly introduced into the trial of the case would be so prejudicial that the court could not alleviate the prejudice with appropriate instruction(s).
March 4, 2011	Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting of Court Proceedings. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Susan Simmons, at lssimmons@yahoo.com .
March 4, 2011	Pretrial Disclosures due
March 18, 2011	Pretrial Objections due
February 15, 2011	Jury Questionnaire Due
January 28, 2011	Discovery Deadline

January 28, 2011	Mediation to be completed
January 19, 2011	Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions). ¹ Responses to dispositive motions filed prior to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e). Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV56.
January 14, 2011	Plaintiffs and Defendants to Identify Trial Witnesses, with the exception of rebuttal witnesses.
January 5, 2011	For Filing Dispositive Motions and any other motions that may require a hearing; including <i>Daubert</i> motions.
December 2, 2010	Defendant to Answer Amended Pleadings
November 18, 2010	Amend Pleadings (It is not necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend before the deadline to amend pleadings. It is necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend after November 18, 2010).
September 24, 2010	Deadline for Defendants to file Motion to Decertify the class.
September 24, 2010	Challenge to Experts on certification issue.
September 10, 2010	Defendant to Designate Expert Witnesses on certification issue and for trial. Expert witness report due Refer to Local Rules for required information.

¹ The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that “[i]n the event a party fails to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein the court will assume that the party has no opposition.” Local Rule CV-7(e) provides that a party opposing a motion has **12 days, in addition to any added time permitted under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(e)**, in which to serve and file a response and any supporting documents, after which the court will consider the submitted motion for decision.

August 20, 2010	Plaintiff to Designate Expert Witnesses on certification issue and for trial. Expert witness report due Refer to Local Rules for required information.
February 10, 2010	Privilege Logs to be exchanged by parties (or a letter to the Court stating that there are no disputes as to claims of privileged documents).
January 27, 2010	Join Additional Parties; Plaintiffs' Opt-In Period closed unless designated otherwise by the Court.
January 13, 2010	Parties' Initial Disclosure of Documents.
December 30, 2009	Parties' Initial Disclosure of Information.
January 13, 2010	Defendants to furnish List of Potential Plaintiffs. If lists are not produced on this date, the statute of limitations is equitably tolled until produced.

OTHER LIMITATIONS

1. All depositions to be read into evidence as part of the parties' case-in-chief shall be **EDITED** so as to exclude all unnecessary, repetitious, and irrelevant testimony; **ONLY** those portions which are relevant to the issues in controversy shall be read into evidence.
2. The Court will refuse to entertain any motion to compel discovery filed after the date of this Order unless the movant advises the Court within the body of the motion that counsel for the parties have first conferred in a good faith attempt to resolve the matter. See Eastern District of Texas Local Rule CV-7(h).
3. The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:
 - (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss

pending;

- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.